

# 2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE HAVERHILL/METHUEN

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Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

## Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation\*

Total Funding: \$256,335

Strategies	Outcomes	Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>569</b> Received Case Management Services <b>165</b> Street Outreach Deployments	<b>\$57,676</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>922</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations <b>83</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$60,764</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>1,261</b> Participated in Education Programs <b>100</b> Obtained an Unsubsidized Employment Position	<b>\$26,662</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>1,516</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs <b>106</b> Developed Leadership Skills	<b>\$61,462</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>141</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed <b>16</b> High-Impact Players Arraigned	<b>\$49,771</b>

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

## Youth Risk Assessments

97% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
0% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
3% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## Success Highlight

*"We had a child in our program that had never been to our program before... This child did not talk much in the first few weeks. But after the 3rd week or so, he started to open up. He hadn't done any of his remote school work and was talking about wanting to just run away. Now he loves coming to the program and talking to all of his friends, learning about all the good he can do. Now we are working with him on setting up what he is going to focus on when he enters high school next year."*

~North Shore YMCA Haverhill

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# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Haverhill

Methuen

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	64,014	50,706
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	13.2%	9.3%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	10.4%	10.5%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	10,002	8,073
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	53.6%	41.9%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.1%	1.8%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

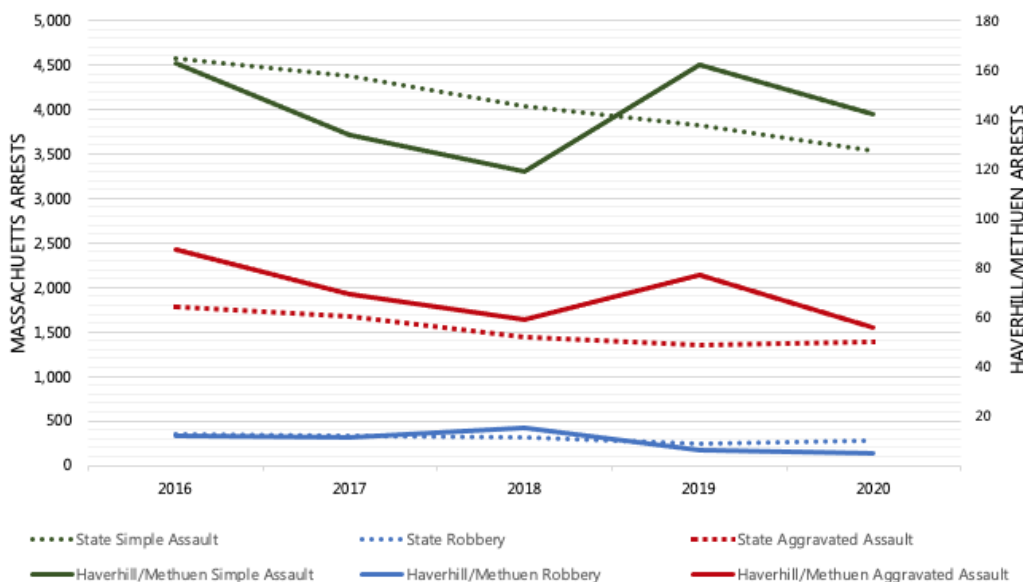
## Gang Activity in Haverhill/Methuen

31  
Street Gangs

172  
Gang Members  
Under 25

The communities of Haverhill and Methuen contain gangs ranging from small “cliques”, to home grown/hybrids gangs, to nationally recognized gangs. In Haverhill, HPD and street outreach workers report there are 18-20 gangs with more than 250 members operating within the city. Named gangs include five national gangs (Bloods, Crypts, Latin Kings, Trinitarios and Gangsta Disciples) and several offshoots. Methuen Police Department reports 150 or more gang members in 8 gangs with an estimated 50 gang members living in the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, which borders Lawrence.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Haverhill/Methuen decreased 13%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Haverhill/Methuen decreased 58%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Haverhill/Methuen decreased 36%

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